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1. SUMMARY: IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN DEFINITIVE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS IN THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM. MOST OF THE OFFICIALS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF NICARAGUA'S POSITIONS AND POLICIES RELATED TO SCIENCE AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND THE BUREAUCRATIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE TOPICS HAS NOT YET BEEN DEFINED. WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS HIGH LEVEL INTEREST IN SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE FOR SENIOR WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES TO COME HERE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES INVOLVED UNTIL RESPONSIBILITY IS BETTER FOCUSED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS OF THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT ARE INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING POLICIES IN FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY: (A) MARIO SOLORZANO MARIN, DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGICAL LABORATORY, CENTRAL BANK OF NICARAGUA; (B) DR. CHRISTIAN SANCHEZ, COORDINATOR OF TECHNICAL

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COOPERATION, NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL; (C) CORDELL DOWNS,

NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL; (D) ALVARO ALEGRIA, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY; (E) LUIS MEJIA GONZALEZ, CHIEF OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY. MOST OF THE ABOVE OFFICIALS ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY BUT MISS SANCHEZ, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A THREE WEEK OAS COURSE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ARGENTINA, GAVE EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS IN STATE 206675.

3. IT IS PROPOSED TO DEVELOP IN THE NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL A DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOP AND COORDINATE NICARAGUAN POLICIES. ACCORDING TO DR. SANCHEZ, NICARAGUA WANTS TO AVOID THE SITUATION IN MANY OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHERE COUNCILS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EXIST INDEPENDENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICES AS THIS APPEARS TO CREATE PROBLEMS IN COORDINATING GOVERNMENT POLICIES. SHE INDICATED THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY, DR. LUIS VALLE OLIVARES, SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSAL. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THIS DIVISION WILL BE OBTAINED FROM ICAITI, A CANADIAN FUNDED CENTRAL AMERICAN PROJECT, AND PERHAPS FROM NATIONAL SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS IN MEXICO, CHILE AND VENEZUELA. UNDP ASSISTANCE MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED.

4. SPECIFIC PRIORITY INTERESTS AND POLICY OBJECTIVES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMULATED ALTHOUGH A WORKING GROUP TO DO SO WILL PROBABLY BE ESTABLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. FUNDS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR AN INVENTORY OF NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WORKING IN SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS AND THESE INSTITUTIONS WILL BE CONSULTED BY THE PLANNING COUNCIL IN DEVELOPING NICARAGUA'S POSITIONS.

5. EITHER DR. SANCHEZ OR DOWNS WILL PROBABLY REPRESENT NICARAGUA AT MEETINGS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO CONSIDERATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE ON A JOINT COMMISSION.

6. THE COMMITMENT OF FUNDS TO A JOINT EFFORT WOULD DEPEND UPON NEGOTIATION OF THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT; THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF DETERMINING AMOUNTS IN ADVANCE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH A NEGOTIATION. (WHILE DR. SANCHEZ WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON WHO WOULD DECIDE HOW MUCH, IT PROBABLY WOULD BE A DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT.)

7. CONSULTATION WITH THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC, IS CONTEMPLATED. MEETINGS ARE BEING PLANNED WITH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS, INFONAC AND THE NATIONAL BANK OF NICARAGUA, AND THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES.

8. AS A PERSONAL COMMENT, DR. SANCHEZ NOTED THAT THE SIZE OF THE SPECIAL FUND OF MAR DE LA PLATA WAS REDUCED BECAUSE OF APPLICATION OF THE OAS QUOTA AND THE LIMITED U.S. CONTRIBUTION. SHE BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT ANY FOLLOW-ON MECHANISM WOULD BE UNDER THE OAS UMBRELLA.

9. COMMENT: WHILE IT APPEARS NICARAGUA HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN THE NEW INITIATIVES ON SCIENCE AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AS EVIDENCED BY THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE DIVISION IN THE NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, THE GON IS NOT YET ORGANIZED TO EFFECTI ELY DEAL WITH THE SUBJECT. IF AND WHEN THE DIVISION IS ESTABLISHED AND CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INDUSTRIAL LEADERS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES COME HERE TO COORDINATE POLICIES. THIS WILL PROBABLY BE SOMETIME IN EARLY 1975.
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